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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU - ONLY COUNCILMEMBER TO PROPOSE SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS

Tomorrow the City Council's Budget Committee will review proposed changes to the City budget from each member of the City Council. Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) was the only member of the Honolulu City Council to suggest significant cuts to the Mayor's budget proposal. Indeed, despite all of the talk of a City fiscal crisis, two councilmembers actually recommended increasing spending above what the Mayor had suggested.

"All politicians like to talk about fiscal discipline, but responsible stewardship of taxpayer money begins with a willingness to actually hold down government spending. The Mayor's \$1.7 billion budget increases City spending by over 12%, a rate five times inflation. Although I will always fight to hold down taxes and spending, I am disappointed that none of my colleagues in the City Council join me in even trying to restrain government spending."

Even if all of Djou's budget amendments were adopted the City budget would still grow by a modest 5.9%, a rate roughly equal to inflation plus population growth in Honolulu. To help impose fiscal discipline in the future, Djou has proposed spending and debt ceilings for City government, similar to what the State and Federal government have adopted. To date, Djou's proposal is stuck in committee.

Exhibit A attached to this press release shows the proposed budget amendments made by all nine members of the Honolulu City Council, as well as a comparison of increases from Mayor Jeremy Harris's budget last year.

Exhibit A
Proposed Budget Amendments to Mayor's FY2006 City Budget

Councilmember	Bill 11 Legislative Budget	Bill 12 Operating Budget	Bill 13 Capital Budget	Net Increase/Cut
Apo	No amendments	No amendments	No net change	\$0
Cachola	+\$100,000	-\$369,824	+\$60,000	-\$209,824
Dela Cruz	No amendments	+\$515,988	+\$2,808,000	+\$3,323,988
Djou	-\$1,212,579	-\$34,398,313	-\$16,419,110	-\$52,030,002
Garcia	No amendments	No amendments	No net change	\$0
Kobayashi	No amendments	-\$100,000	+\$100,000	\$0
Marshall	-\$449,500	-\$1,550,500	No net change	-\$2,000,000
Okino	No amendments	-\$571,340	+\$400,000	-\$171,340
Tam	No amendments	No amendments	+\$2,050,000	+\$2,050,000

